

Boston Wednesday evening

Dear Anne -

I am discarding as in my good intentions of writing you some journal - for I suppose
Loom who has time puts things down as they happen
and these things are written in the chronicles - which the
will forward. I will however give you a little of my
own personal from last Saturday - or rather Friday
night - I spent the evening at Maria's - & found
Henry in such distress at the recent loss of \$1500 - that
I thought he would do I offered him all the
consolation that I could but - it availed nothing
he was touching - his father had uncharitably
trusted against his H's advice a man whom H. did
not consider good - and when he found ^{the money} he was like
No fail -- extraneously advanced \$700 - more to try
to preserve him - & lost it all - was not this hard - &
then after Maria who really behaved very well had
exhausted all her stock of consolation she said that
"it pained her to the heart that it did not go into
the treasury of the Massachusetts" - I breakfasted
with H. Sat. morning & he was so far recovered
as to say that he would go down to New York
- for the children in the afternoon - I went
home - and made an old gown of yours - your
old buff into a dress for Lucia - & very well
she looks in it - then made my old green mus-
lin into a gown for my self - at morning gown -
got it all cut & basted & took Hobey mouth for
me to finish - at three started for New York
in a carry all it rained a little got out
before ten - found them all well - only some

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what exhausted with the children - I rather enjoyed
about you - the children acted like Bedlamites -
I never got a chance to speak to them till they
were in bed - it was so cold that ^{we} they were
round the fire - I went after 9 to Grandma's - I
found them in as good state then - but struck
into a maze by the King's defection - I suppose
they have told you about it - Sat up till past one
then went to bed - got up at 7 - the same dull
dingy day - breakfasted there & went home
by great & mighty effort got Henry & Geo
to meeting - Mr Perkins - was never so stupid
as I was so sleepy - I could have dropped where
I stood - directly after dinner he started for I
felt as if I could - never get away soon enough
so like arranging here our brother behave - he
certainly is by all odds the worst child I ever saw
he never spoke to me except to threaten to kill
or shoot me - & repeatedly assured me that he
would "dig a hole in the ground & trick me in"
as soon as we were off he dropped asleep - and
I was forced to hold him all the way which
so sprained my side that it is not yet well
Lizzy was very good - when we got in town
meeting was not done - and the house had looked
up - He went in to the yard & got in at a window
& we got in - then we were told that Stanton
would lecture in the evening - we went home
& took tea - Maria had staid in town for the
purpose of giving the notices to the churches -
and lovely to relate a Mr Brown read it
but Deane I understand has told you all about
these things - however Maria standing
quietly in the Chapman pew - never mis-
trusted there was any excitement & thought

that they were all asleep - but no such thing
Sam Sewall says that never has such a stir
as from his key hole he witnessed & Mrs
Alcott who wandered round unsuspecting-
ly in the porch to look up a missing
child, heard loud declamation against
Mrs Chapman's infuence and declared
determination to insult her -

next day the Gazette broke ground of
the old fort - Debon with some the
articles which are choice - Henry Stanton
spoke very well - Sunday evening - the hall
was full to overflowing - and Francis Jack-
son who stood near the door says that as
many went away for want of room as got
in - he talked too much of chain light-
ning - & as Mr May afterwards observed
that God here of one mind - on the same
side indeed - but still he does good -
and I like him very well - I hope he is
going to have a good wife - If he were
married to a woman of fine taste -
& some talent it would do him great good
for he needs constant polishing - one
remark or piece of advice is nothing - I
felt moved to write to him myself & tell
him some things - but believe upon the
whole I will let well alone -

Monday I was in school all day -
The Pymms came - the Mrs. Heath
or still holds on - after tea called at Maria's
& found her alone - Debon & I went to
Brother May - to carry him the letter from
the Ladies of Edinburgh - as it had never
been read to the Society & we thought this

public meeting ^{and} a good chance to let them
have it — by the way — notice of the meeting
has read in Mr Ide's church — he preaching
in Mr Pierpont's — Mr Ripley of Marlham
in Mr Lewis' — & I believe some others —
D. has told you perhaps of the pleasant
the found at Mr Winslow's — we had
a delightful call at Brother May's
& he was very lovely — & Mrs May very
fair & sprightly — I like her & I feel
sorry that we did not try to con-
vert her — she was very kind to us to Maria
when we had another powwow — & then
came home — Tuesday — a dull day
some like the 21st Oct 1835 — I looked
some for a mob — but could not go
as Deborah went — as soon as school was
over I went & to my great surprise
got in at all the best of the meeting
— heard part of Br Wright's speech &
& Mr Stanton's — & was in at all the
bustle of getting subscribers — 4/25 — think
of that!!

Mr Stanton spoke at large of the
good that women could do — and said
that the objections were double distilled
sorry that were urged against her act-
ing in the matter — How was the cause
to be advanced — by talking — writing
and praying — about it — who had dis-
covered that women could not talk
down — what they set themselves against
who said that women were in com-
petence to talk — as to writing — he need
not go out of Boston to prove that
women can write — that they can reason

as clearly and dispassionately "right & wrong" as ably
as men could - and by their power could
press the "right" upon the consciences of
men - most powerfully - and sustain
& strengthen them - Mr Chapman
was there and as Stanton in his most
tremendous style was enunciating this
Mr C. grew much agitated - he after-
ward said I thought he would get up
& call out "that's my sister" - It went
on to allude to Mrs Child's book - & spoke
of her - "she not being present" - after
it was over - went to take tea at Pham-
ag place - Mary Chapman spontaneously
invited Stanton to go there - & walked
home alone with him hanging on his arm
and confronting the gaze of William
Sturgis who watched them along -
Harry Williams was at the meeting & said
that he when it very much "could not
go all lengths with Mr May!!!!" Mrs
Ripley was there & the Denies who oppo-
sition to her - many other opposers -
as Henrietta Sargent was going down
she met Levee Cook with whom she
is intimate - and he said "going down
to our house" - H. in her peculiar
manner stated her destination -
"well" says he - "you had better stay at
home but I shant mob you" -
- to return our evening was pleasant &
like Stanton better & better - to be sure
his bushwhacking manner was not
any dim in it - to be sure he spoke

of "Choir Lightning" - and even occasionally alluded to "Choir Lightning with Spurs" still he is more natural than I thought very natural - and he told us much about matters and things at Lane Sem. - and his never failing stories of Theodore Child - He told us all that he did last year at Lynn - and some new - He came home with us - & said he was very much ashamed that he had talked so much - & he really seems so - Becomes very - better no better - I forgot to say that he caroused your letters - Tuesday - evening - and I hope you will be happy - & then - I think that an seems comfortable room - you but - I beseech you to continue to be careful - not ~~nuce~~ nurse yourself - a long time & then let it all be worse than nothing in consequence of some foolish exposure - do not put hot things to your feet & don't take much herb drink - & don't go out at all in the evening until your cough is quite gone - This is your mother's command - I think that N.B. Folks will call when you get to the Bents they certainly should "take particular notice" but it is a matter of little moment - I agree with you that Mr Bailey has hurt Abby's good much I do not suppose he thought otherwise than he said - he knew her very ~~superior~~ as scholar teacher in his school - & the difference between this and the ~~Sprawl~~ ^{intelligent} or rather I might more elegantly say the power of adaptation he does not realize -

I think he deceives himself & you know that
he has been valuing intellectual power less
& less ever since he knew him -

I send Emerson's 3^d part and they -
I think you will find no difficulty in it -
some of the sums in relations of numbers
are hard - If you will - look along &
see where you meet any difficulty I will
do any of the sums & send them to you
with an explanation - I will send
you Lewis's key as soon as I get mine
for which I have sent. Letorn about
let hers go - If they get new grammars
make them get the new edition Bolman
Seeger - it has all the verbs printed at
length - don't touch Surault's it has
no exercises & is not the thing -

Wednesday I was at school all day - the
Sunday before last I will send it - J. P. Blan-
chard wrote it !!! - he has had light
enough surely to sympathize with
the abolitionists "as such" - in the eve-
ning went to hear Brother May deliver
his farewell to the young men very fine -
but not at all leave taking & fatherly -
he intimated that they were going to
make Connecticut ~~but~~ over like
a pot - it was a sheep to my oppor-
tunity - The Southwick's intimated
to Lucia their intention to come to
school - Letorn & Torrey came home
with us - Today is Thursday & the

Warm weather has come but it half kills
me - & I should lament much were it
not upon your account - I suppose Aunt
Mary has told you that I dealt with cal-
evine - & I don't mean to have any colored
ex-sisters at present - We are quite alone
now - & very happy - I have lamented that
Aunt Mary should lose all these meetings
but she dares not go out & I dare not say
her - the storm & East winds have tried
her lungs severely - but I hope that she
will improve. Now - Emma came in
today & brought many Goodies so the
Sage seems to be pained - The Fly man
Book is not yet out & may not be for a
week - I forgot to say that after meeting
last night Charis & Henry - went home
with the Alcotts to see Mrs. Morrison
who is there - & she found also Miss Pea-
body - who she proceeded to terrify as much
as possible - Mrs. P. thinks that the only
way is for the abolitionists to buy the slaves
think of that - and that this appropriate
tests their sincerity - it is amazing the
darkness that envelopes the wise ones
of the earth - Mrs. P. does not want sense
- Mrs. Gilman is coming on - and she says
"she will test the sincerity of the abolition-
ists - she will attend one of the Ladies
meetings and offer to receive any sum
of money they will appropriate to ran-
som slaves from their captivity" -
I wish she would come - if she
did not get enough to satisfy her I
mistake - The Alcotts have invited Ch

to go there Saturday night as they think
that she may do this the great good - & as
to use Mrs A's own reason "this she is good
at description" - so I suppose Charin is
considered quite a show - this she is to come

to Charin Sunday evening - on school - went
Thursday morning - on school - went
out to find May - after ~~my~~ my school
was over - while I was out the dear soul
called - but I went down to take leave of
him just as they were starting - I feel
really deserted now dear Brother May is really
gone - he sent his best love to you -
I went to ask Charin & I - & the chap -
to come & mingle their tears with
ours - but they are all gone to Henry -
Wainwright. Where there is a part
of Ben - wife - & Chartha who
have just got here -

I shall write a little every now & then
in future & send you often - & if
I succeed in doing it you may keep
it as I should like to look it over & see
how - I feel as if he should stare
our ground here but don't know
yet - The brethren forget awful
times this summer - ^{their} ~~you~~ founded upon
God's will that there will be a
great uproar when it is ascertained
that there is no when any action on
the messages of the governors -
My best love to Mrs Taber - & Mary
thanks for her kindness to you -
and am yours in love Caroline Weston

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